

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN

**MEETING:** Environment and Economy Select Committee  
Tuesday 24 March 2015 Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors J Hollywell (Chair), P Bibby (Vice-Chair), D Bainbridge, L Bell, L Briscoe, J Brown, C Saunders, G Snell and P Stuart.

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| <b>1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>   |                       |
| There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interests.   | J Cansick<br>Ext 2809 |
| <b>2. MINUTES – 24 FEBRUARY 2015</b>  |                       |
| <p>It was noted that the Committee’s review on the maintenance of trees, hedges and shrub beds had been cited by the Executive as an excellent piece of scrutiny work and had had a direct influence in the proposals that were going forward to the Executive to triple the New Homes Bonus funding to rejuvenate shrub beds and hedges in the town.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment &amp; Economy Select Committee held on 24 February 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p> | J Cansick<br>Ext 2809 |
| <b>3. 2015-2016 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME REPORT</b>  |                       |
| <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That feedback from the Scrutiny Evaluation Questionnaire completed by Members be noted.</li><li>2. That the Business Technology Centre be the focus of the Committee’s Scrutiny Study for 2015/2016 and</li></ol>   | S Weaver<br>Ext 2332  |

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| <p>additionally the Committee receive a briefing on legal provisions and the role of the Council, the County Council and the Environment Agency in relation to fly tipping and littering etc.</p> <p>3. That Committee receive an update in September/October 2015 on the implementation of the Green Travel Plan and the recommendations made in relation to the review undertaken in 2011/2012 concerning the use of garage compounds for residential parking.</p> <p>4. That it be noted that Policy Development briefings on an Energy and Sustainability Strategy and aspects of Recycling may be coming to the Committee Members in the next Municipal Year.</p> <p>5. That a scrutiny study on the East Coast Mainline be included in proposals coming forward for work in 2016/2017.</p> <p>6. That the discussions between Councillor Bainbridge and the Environmental Performance and Development Manager concerning the cultivation of wild grass meadow flowers along selected verges be noted.</p> |  |
| <p><b>4. URGENT PART I BUSINESS</b></p>   |  |
| <p>At this juncture the Chair indicated that as this was her last meeting in that role she took opportunity to thank Members and officers, particularly the Stephen Weaver, Scrutiny Officer and Lee Myers, Head of Environmental Services for the work undertaken over the last two years.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p>  |  |
| <p>Not Required</p>   |  |
| <p><b>PART II</b></p>   |  |
| <p><b>6. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b></p>  |  |
| <p>None</p>   |  |